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1. AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY (SAUDI ARABIA), CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRUCILTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ROME ON TWO 841 SATURDAY APRIL 23, ARRIVING IN NEW AT 4:30 PM, AND PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON. HE PLANS TO SPEND MONDAY, APRIL 25 THROUGH WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, AND PERHAPS SOME OF THURSDAY, APRIL 28 IN NEW YORK DEALING WITH THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON THE IFAD/UN RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT. HE WILL BE ASSISTED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BY VICE CHAIRMEN PHILIP BIRNBAUM (U.S.) AND JEAN CAMARA (GUINEA), AND IFAD LEGAL ADVISER NAWAZ (PAK-STANI). ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29, HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TALK WITH THE WORLD BANK AS WELL. HE WILL STAY AT THE PLAZA HOTEL IN NEW YORK, AND THE HILTON IN WASHINGTON.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF IFAD CATEGORY I COUNTRIES WHO WERE

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ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE FAO FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE MET THE EVENING OF APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS REPORTS FROM NEW YORK ON THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE'S VIEWS ON THE IFAD/UN RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WILL (GERMANY), CHAIRMAN OF IFAD CATEGORY I COUNTRIES' CONSULTATIONS DURING IFAD MEETINGS. WILL, BEING FROM A CAPITAL, PRESSED FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK ALONG THE LINES OF REFTTEL, BUT U.S. REPRESENTA-

TIVE TO FAO AND OTHERS POINTED OUT THAT SUCH PROPOSALS MIGHT NOT BE WELL-RECEIVED FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND FAVORED AT MOST EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT CERTAIN ISSUES RAISED. OYAKE OF JAPAN POINTED OUT IFAD POSITION IS NOT SACROSANCT IN ALL DETAILS, AND WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT CERTAIN BASIC CONCEPTS. MAIN CONCERN OF GROUP WAS WITH IDEA OF ALTERING TERMINOLOGY QTE OPERATE AS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM UNQTE. GROUP CONSENSUS FELT THAT ALTERATION OF THIS FORMULA WOULD UPSET CAREFULLY WORKED OUT AGREEMENT, AND WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH TEXT OF IFAD AGREEMENT WHICH MANY COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY SIGNED. SWEDEN DID NOT SUPPORT THIS VIEW, FAVORING AS BEFORE CLOSER TIES OF IFAD WITH UN. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT THAT FORMULA OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY WITH CONSIDERABLE INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN FORMULATED BASICALLY BY GROUP-77 IN ROME MEETINGS, AND URGED THAT PRIMARY TACTIC SHOULD BE FOR GROUP-77 IN ROME TO COMMUNICATE THIS TO GROUP-77 IN NEW YORK, AS HE HAD ADVISED AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY. CATEGORY I COUNTRIES WERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSITION THAT UN AGENCIES SHOULD BE QTE ENTITLED UNQTE TO ATTEND IFAD MEETINGS RATHER THAN QTE INVITED UNQTE. THIS CONCERN APPLIED PARTICULARLY TO MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. (COMMENT: AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY SAYS THAT IN PRACTICE HE SEES NO OBJECTION TO UN AGENCIES ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, BUT HE DOES HAVE OBJECTION TO THEIR ATTENDING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS AS A MATTER OF RIGHT). IMPLICIT PURPOSE OF WILL OF GERMANY IN CONVENING MEETING, CONFIRMED LATER TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, WAS TO ALERT REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME CATEGORY I COUNTRIES TO FACT THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK WERE NOT FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS CONCLUDED IN ROME.

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3. WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL TO WILL OF GERMANY AND AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY. AL-SUDEARY SAYS HE WILL CARRY WITH HIM FIRM LETTER FROM GROUP-77 IN ROME ASKING FOR NEW YORK GROUP-77 SUPPORT, AND IS TELEGRAPHING FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GROUP-77 COUNTRIES INVOLVED. HE IS CONFIDENT OF HIS ABILITY TO PERSUADE GROUP-77 IN NEW YORK TO ACCEPT BASIC CONCEPTS ESTABLISHED FOR IFAD.

4. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY WHILE IN NEW YORK, WILL RENEW HIS REQUEST THROUGH THE SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, WHOM HE MISSED SEEING DURING HIS PREVIOUS VISIT BECAUSE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS VISITING VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES AT THE TIME.

5. WE HAVE INFORMED AL-SUDEARY ALSO OF REF B JUST RECEIVED. HE IS QUITE APPRECIATIVE OF OUR SUPPORT. GARDNER

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